

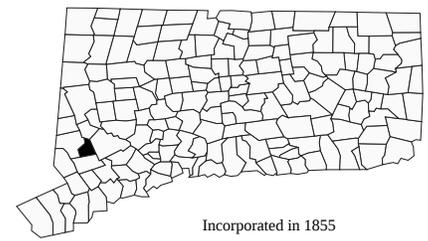
Bethel, Connecticut

CERC Town Profile 2019

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Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center
1 School Street
Bethel, CT 06801
(203) 794-8501

Belongs To
Fairfield County
LMA Danbury
Western Planning Area



Incorporated in 1855

Demographics

Population

	Town	County	State
2000	18,067	882,567	3,405,565
2010	18,584	916,829	3,574,097
2013-2017	19,526	947,328	3,594,478
2020	17,618	944,692	3,604,591
'17 - '20 Growth / Yr	-3.6%	-0.1%	0.1%

	Town	County	State
Land Area (sq. miles)	17	625	4,842
Pop./Sq. Mile (2013-2017)	1,156	1,516	742
Median Age (2013-2017)	43	40	41
Households (2013-2017)	7,113	337,678	1,361,755
Med. HH Inc. (2013-2017)	\$97,289	\$89,773	\$73,781

	Town	State
Veterans (2013-2017)	1,013	180,111

Age Distribution (2013-2017)

	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	Total
Town	967 5%	2,572 13%	2,339 12%	4,360 22%	6,418 33%	2,870 15%	19,526 100%
County	53,055 6%	125,776 13%	126,096 13%	229,587 24%	271,888 29%	140,926 15%	947,328 100%
State	186,188 5%	432,367 12%	495,626 14%	872,640 24%	1,031,900 29%	575,757 16%	3,594,478 100%

Race/Ethnicity (2013-2017)

	Town	County	State
White Alone, Non-Hispanic	16,365	595,323	2,446,049
Black Alone	445	107,305	376,240
Asian	1,104	48,962	156,450
Native American	17	2,527	9,385
Other/Multi-Race	794	91,852	294,408
Hispanic or Latino	1,378	180,379	551,916

	Town	County	State
Poverty Rate (2013-2017)	2.9%	8.8%	10.1%

Educational Attainment (2013-2017)

	Town	County	State
High School Graduate	3,271 24%	673,582 27%	
Associates Degree	961 7%	188,481 8%	
Bachelors or Higher	5,950 44%	953,199 38%	

Economics

Business Profile (2018)

Sector	Units	Employment
Total - All Industries	665	7,252
23 - Construction	84	457
31-33 - Manufacturing	52	1,167
44-45 - Retail Trade	57	880
62 - Health Care and Social Assistance	44	972
72 - Accommodation and Food Services	60	567
Total Government	19	779

Top Five Grand List (2018)

	Amount
CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER	\$85,904,520
DURACELL INC	\$47,301,750
STEINER	\$15,692,960
CEDAR-BETHEL LLC	\$14,064,960
RMS	\$12,879,270
Net Grand List (SFY 2016-2017)	\$1,917,648,980

Major Employers (2014)

Ability Beyond Disability	Amica Mutual Insurance Co
Duracell North Atlantic Group	Cascades Assisted Living
Big Y	

Education

2018-2019 School Year

	Grades	Enrollment
Bethel School District	PK-12	3112

Smarter Balanced Test Percent Above Goal (2017-2018)

	Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 8	
	Town	State	Town	State	Town	State
Math	65.4%	53.8%	66.8%	51.3%	62.2%	43.0%
ELA	75.1%	53.1%	65.6%	54.9%	74.9%	56.1%

Pre-K Enrollment (PSIS)

	2018-2019
Bethel School District	100

Rate of Chronic Absenteeism (2017-2018)

	All
Connecticut	10.7%
Bethel School District	5.5%

4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate (2017-2018)

	All	Female	Male
Connecticut	88.3%	91.8%	85.1%
Bethel School District	93.1%	95.7%	91.0%

Public vs Private Enrollment (2013-2017)

	Town	County	State
Public	85.3%	82.2%	86.8%
Private	14.7%	17.8%	13.2%

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Government

Government Form: Selectman - Town Meeting

Total Revenue (2017)	\$81,877,751	Total Expenditures (2017)	\$78,434,303	Annual Debt Service (2017)	\$2,887,040
Tax Revenue	\$61,948,866	Education	\$52,383,015	As % of Expenditures	3.7%
Non-tax Revenue	\$19,928,885	Other	\$26,051,288	Eq. Net Grand List (2017)	\$2,795,820,302
Intergovernmental	\$17,841,944	Total Indebtedness (2017)	\$26,367,177	Per Capita	\$141,189
Per Capita Tax (2017)	\$3,108	As % of Expenditures	33.6%	As % of State Average	93.5%
As % of State Average	106.0%	Per Capita	\$1,332	Moody's Bond Rating (2017)	Aa2
		As % of State Average	53.0%	Actual Mill Rate (2017)	32.17
				Equalized Mill Rate (2017)	22.01
				% of Net Grand List Com/Ind (2017)	14.4%

Housing/Real Estate

Housing Stock (2013-2017)

	Town	County	State
Total Units	7,554	369,044	1,507,711
% Single Unit (2013-2017)	68.9%	58.0%	59.2%
New Permits Auth (2017)	62	1,719	4,547
As % Existing Units	0.8%	0.5%	0.3%
Demolitions (2017)	8	538	1,403
Home Sales	NA	5,187	21,880
Median Price	\$333,900	\$417,800	\$270,100
Built Pre-1950 share	21.2%	29.0%	29.3%
Owner Occupied Dwellings	5,598	228,666	906,798
As % Total Dwellings	78.7%	67.7%	66.6%
Subsidized Housing (2018)	428	34,037	167,879

Distribution of House Sales

	Town	County	State
Less than \$100,000	NA	34	536
\$100,000-\$199,999	NA	343	5,237
\$200,000-\$299,999	NA	749	6,681
\$300,000-\$399,999	NA	865	3,863
\$400,000 or More	NA	3,196	5,563

Rental (2013-2017)

	Town	County	State
Median Rent	\$1,310	\$1,439	\$1,123
Cost-burdened Renters	53.0%	54.6%	52.3%

Labor Force

	Town	County	State
Residents Employed	10,504	461,750	1,827,070
Residents Unemployed	377	19,017	78,242
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	4.0%	4.1%
Self-Employed Rate	11.2%	13.0%	10.0%
Total Employers	665	36,389	122,067
Total Employed	7,252	420,674	1,673,867

Connecticut Commuters (2015)

Commuters Into Town From:	Town Residents Commuting To:
Danbury, CT	1,756 Danbury, CT
Bethel, CT	1,327 Bethel, CT
Newtown, CT	422 Stamford, CT
New Milford, CT	416 Norwalk, CT
Brookfield, CT	318 Ridgefield, CT
Southbury, CT	168 Wilton, CT
New Fairfield, CT	165 Brookfield, CT
	305

Quality of Life

Crime Rates (per 100,000 residents) (2017)

	Town	State
Property	905	1,777
Violent	47	228

Distance to Major Cities

	Miles
Hartford	46
New York City	56
Providence	107
Boston	140
Montreal	289

Residential Utilities

Electric Provider
Eversource Energy
(800) 286-2000

Gas Provider

Eversource Energy
(800) 989-0900

Water Provider

Municipal Provider
Local Contact

Cable Provider

Comcast Danbury
(800) 266-2278

Disengaged Youth (2013-2017)

	Town	State
Female	1.8%	4.2%
Male	1.8%	5.6%

	Town
Library circulation per capita	6.60